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Karen Durham-Aguilera, P.E. a member of the Senior Executive Service serves as Director, Programs Directorate, of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Northwestern Division

Through the Division's headquarters in Portland, Oregon and a Missouri River regional office in Omaha, Nebraska, she is responsible for management and direction of the Corps of Engineers civil works and military programs in an area comprising one-quarter of the continental U.S. The Division's annual program of approximately \$3.5 billion per year is implemented through five district offices in Kansas City, Missouri, Omaha, Nebraska, Portland, Seattle, and Walla Walla, Washington. A large part of the civil works program budget is earmarked for maintaining and operating hydroelectric, navigation, and flood control projects and fish and wildlife activities at Corps projects in the Missouri and Columbia River basins. The program also includes implementation of the Clean Water Act 404(b) Regulatory permit program, and Real Estate activities. The Military and Environmental program stretches across 14 states and supports 39 military installations.

A registered professional engineer in the state of Louisiana, Ms. Durham-Aguilera holds a master's degree in civil (geotechnical) engineering and a bachelor's degree in civil engineering, both from the University of Louisville.

Prior to her assignment to Northwestern Division in May 2003, Ms. Durham-Aguilera served as the Chief, Construction-Operations Division, Sacramento District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. She has served in numerous other positions as a resident engineer, project engineer, and designer in the U.S. and abroad. She also has worked in the private industry for architectural-engineer firms. For several years, Ms. Durham-Aguilera has served on the Army's Career Board for Engineer and Scientists.

Recognitions include three Superior Civilian Service Awards and five Commander's Awards. Ms. Durham-Aguilera was the Corps of Engineers' Southwestern Division Engineer of the Year in 1990 and Federal Engineer of the Year in 1993.

Married since 1991 to Enzo Aguilera, the couple resides in Beaverton, Oregon.
